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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY MINISTER WIDJOJO

1. DURING HIS JUST-ENDED VISIT TO WASHINGTON, LIM BIAN
KIE EXPRESSED TO DEPTOFFS HIS OPPOSITION TO AN APRIL VISIT
BY MINISTER WIDJOJO.

2. BIAN KIE ARGUED THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL ADMINISTRATION
WOULD HAVE ITS POLICIES ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WORKED OUT
BY TIME OF PROPOSED VISIT, AND THAT WIDJOJO WOULD BE
DISAPPOINTED IF EITHER HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE CABINET
SECRETARIES OR IF THOSE HE MET WERE UNABLE TO GIVE DETAILED
PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON THOSE ISSUES.
BIAN KIE'S SECOND ARGUMENT WAS THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY
UNWISE FOR WIDJOJO, A GOLKAR CANDIDATE, TO VISIT U.S.
WHEN HE SHOULD BE OUT CAMPAIGNING IN CRUCIAL EAST JAVA.
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3. BIAN KIE SAID THAT ALI MURTOPO WANTED WIDJOJO TO VISIT
U.S. EARLY THIS SUMMER AFTER CSIS SEMINAR AS PART OF
DELEGATION LED BY MURTOPO. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD
PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MURTOPO AND WIDJOJO TO WORK
OUT SOME OF THEIR PAST DIFFERENCES OVER MALARI AND OTHER
EVENTS.

4. REALIZING DANGEROUS WATERS BIAN KIE WAS TAKING US INTO, DEPTOFFS LISTENED BUT MADE NO COMMENT. INDONESIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR PANE HEARD BIAN KIE'S PRESENTATION, HOWEVER, AND WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR RUSMIN WHEN LATTER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TODAY (MARCH 25).

5. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR WIDJOJO TO CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND PLAN TO SEEK MEETINGS WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND ENERGY ADVISOR SCHLESINGER. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THINGS DEVELOP. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST YOUR THOUGHTS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF BIAN KIE'S COMMENTS AND WHAT WE MIGHT DO ABOUT THEM.
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